Herkimer County Community College

2026-2027 College Catalog

English, A.A.

Location(s): Main Campus

The English program offers a comprehensive introduction to key areas of literary study while sharpening students' writing and communication skills. It is designed to prepare students for advanced study at the baccalaureate level and beyond, and the program is both dynamic and inclusive. It provides a focused pathway for those passionate about the English language and literature, with exposure to the cultural diversity embedded in literary tradition. Its flexible curriculum spans a broad spectrum of English studies, while also allowing students to foster relationships with their classmates and faculty through delving deeper into more specific interests like authors, historical periods, genres, subgenres, and/or stylistic approaches.

The goals of the program are:

- To educate students on terminology, time periods, genres, styles, and modes of literary study.
- · To refine critical thinking through an emphasis on textual examination and historic context.

Successful graduates from this program will be able to:

- Examine authors, time periods, and ideas in literature with a focus on the cultural, social, and historical circumstances in which they were produced.
- Interpret literature by employing literary terms and various theoretical approaches.
- Produce written work with clarity, purpose, and audience awareness.

Career Opportunities/Transfer Information

Graduates of the program will be prepared to transfer to a four-year institution for continued academic study or to pursue careers across a wide range of fields. Through the development of strong reading, writing, research, analytical, and organizational skills, students will have gained a versatile foundation for numerous professions. Career opportunities include roles in advertising, marketing, content creation, editing, media analysis, publication, public relations, and grant writing. Graduates may also find rewarding career paths in public service, as well as in sectors such as education, healthcare, nonprofit organizations, and private business.

This program aligns with the English SUNY Transfer Path requirements.

Program of Study

1st Year

1st Semester

- EN 111 College Writing Credit Hour(s): 3
- FS 100 First Year Student Seminar Credit Hour(s): 1
- EN 242 American Literature 1620-1865 Credit Hour(s): 3
- EN 123 British Literature 450-1660 Credit Hour(s): 3
- US History and Civic Engagement Selective Credit Hour(s): 3

• Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning Selective Credit Hour(s): 3

Subtotal: 16

2nd Semester

- EN 112 College Literature Credit Hour(s): 3
- EN 210 College Writing II Credit Hour(s): 3
- EN 243 American Lit 1865-Present Credit Hour(s): 3
- EN 137 Mythology Credit Hour(s): 3
- Laboratory Science Selective Credit Hour(s): 4

Subtotal: 16

2nd Year

3rd Semester

- EN 215 Shakespeare Credit Hour(s): 3
- EN 217 African American Literature Credit Hour(s): 3

OR

- EN 219 Indigenous Literatures of North America Credit Hour(s): 3
 OR
- EN 236 Women In Literature Credit Hour(s): 3
- EN 214 Creative Writing Workshop Credit Hour(s): 3
- Social Science Selective Credit Hour(s): 3
- EN/FL/HU Elective Credit Hour(s): 3
- Physical Education Activity Credit Hour(s): 1

Subtotal: 16

4th Semester

- HU 291 Special Topics Humanities Credit Hour(s): 3
- EN 231 Introduction to Poetry Credit Hour(s): 3

OR

• EN 241 - Introduction to Drama Study Credit Hour(s): 3
OR

• EN 246 - The Short Story Credit Hour(s): 3

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• EN 251 - Modern American Novel Credit Hour(s): 3

• EN 255 - Nonfiction Literature Credit Hour(s): 3

OR

• EN 261 - Science Fiction and Fantasy Credit Hour(s): 3

- EN/HU Elective Credit Hour(s): 3
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- EN/FL/HU Elective **Credit Hour(s): 3**
- Physical Education Activity **Credit Hour(s): 1**

Subtotal: 16

Total Credit Hours: 64